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REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. A marked-up version of the Amendment is shown in the Appendix to Amendment of September 9, 2002, filed herewith.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Amendment to the Specification

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 with the following new paragraph:

Additionally, as an example of the conventional individual order production system, "Manufacturing System and Assembly System of Computer System in Order Manufacturing Environment" is described in Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 11-285936 (published on October 19, [1988] 1999). The system is generally called an order assembly production system. According to the order assembly production system, the final assembly is made from the parts or the intermediate product in response to order entry. Accordingly, a lead time is short. Moreover, it is possible to prevent the inventory from being increased or the sales opportunity from being missed due to the fluctuation of demand.

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